

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 522

By Boyer

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Joseph Smelser of
Halls Crossroads on the celebration of his 90th
birthday.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Smelser will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 23, 2001, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was one of twelve children in his family who grew up in Halls Crossroads; he graduated from Central High School in 1930 and attended college at LMU, and in Alabama and Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1942, he experienced the most nervous moment of his young life when he married the lovely Maxine Smith in LaFollette, during which time there was a fire in the town that kept interrupting the wedding; and

WHEREAS, As Mr. Smelser approaches his 10th decade, he is still an active and productive member of society; he is the current Director of the Knox County Farm Bureau, and has contributed his time and exemplary talents as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Hallsdale Powell Utility District and the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, He was the founder of the Halls Business Club and remains a stalwart member of that fine community organization; he helped start the Cooperative in Knox County, and has frequently welcomed young people to his farm to experience, firsthand, life in an agricultural setting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smelser is a retired veterinarian after 60 years of distinguished service; he assisted in the first program to artificially inseminate cows in Knox County; and

WHEREAS, A gentleman of devout religious faith and spirituality, Joseph is a faithful member of Christ United Methodist Church in Halls, where he has served his fellow Christians as a member of the Choir; and

WHEREAS, His loving wife, Maxine, has passed from this world to claim her great reward in Heaven; and

WHEREAS, We wish to grasp this golden opportunity to join in this celebration by specially recognizing one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. Joseph Smelser on the celebration of his 90th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we applaud Mr. Smelser for his many contributions as a citizen of this great state and thank him for his many years of stellar service to his fellow human beings as a humanitarian and civic leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.